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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY SURVEY FOR MAC HF NET

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1. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ITS OPERATIONAL COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY WITH AIRCRAFT SERVICING MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA AREA, THE AIR FORCE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO NET IN THE AREA. THE TENTATIVE PROPOSAL WOULD INVOLVE PLACING ONE ANTENNA AND TWO RADIO TRANSCEIVERS AT MAC OPERATING LOCATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA, ASMARA, DHAHRAN, BEIRUT, AND TEL AVIV. THE ANTENNAE WOULD BE NO HIGHER THAN 60 FEET AND WOULD REQUIRE NO MORE THAN 100 SQUARE YARDS OF GROUND SPACE. RADIO TRANSCEIVERS WOULD REQUIRE VERY SMALL HOUSING FACILITIES AND IN MOST CASES COULD BE FITTED INTO EXISTING STRUCTURES USED BY MAC. IT IS BELIEVED THAT UNITS COULD BE OPERATED WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH TRAFFIC PATTERNS, BROADCASTS, AND OTHER LOCAL OPERATIONS.

2. PRIOR TO SUBMITTING FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR DOD AND DEPT APPROVAL, MAC NEEDS MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF TRANSCEIVER EQUIPMENT AND ANTENNA ARRAY REQUIRED AT EACH LOCATION. FOR THIS PURPOSE MAC PLANS TO HAVE TWO TECHNICAL SURVEY TEAMS VISIT THE PROPOSED LOCATIONS. SURVEY PERSONNEL WOULD BE:

MR. FRED M. ARMSTRONG, GS-12, COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS ENGINEER, AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, NCA, GRIFFISS AFB, NEW YORK, CLEARED FOR SECRET, U.S. CITIZEN.

MR. GORDON A. DENNIS, GS-11, COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN, AFCS/NCA, GRIFFISS AFB, NY. CLEARED FOR SECRET/CRYPTO ACCESS, U.S. CITIZEN.

CAPTAIN RICHARD A. LEINO, USAF, PROGRAM MANAGER, CLEARED FOR TOP SECRET/TOP SECRET/CRYPTO, U.S. CITIZEN.

CAPTAIN RICKEY D. BENSON, USAF, PROGRAM MANAGER, CLEARED FOR SECRET, U.S. CITIZEN.

SURVEY TEAMS WOULD RESTRICT THEIR CONTACTS TO U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL (PRIMARILY MAC OPERATING LOCATION
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PERSONNEL) UNLESS EMBASSIES BELIEVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT IS NECESSARY.

3. PROPOSED ITINERARIES ARE AS FOLLOWS (ANTICIPATE APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS AT EACH LOCATION): USAF DESIRES TO ACCOMPLISH SURVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TEAMS ARE PREPARED TO DEPART AS SOON AS ALL APPROVALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

A. MR. DENNIS AND CAPT. BENSON:
ADDIS ABABA - ASMARA - TEL AVIV

B. MR. ARMSTRONG AND CAPT. LEINO:
DHAHRAN - BEIRUT - TEL AVIV

4. FOR ACTION ADDRESSEES:

A. REQUEST COMMENTS AND APPROVAL FOR PROPOSED VISITS
OF SURVEY TEAMS.

B. REQUEST ASSESSMENT, WITHOUT DISCUSSING WITH HOST
COUNTRY NATIONALS, OF PROBABLE REACTION OF HOST GOVERN-
MENT IF AND WHEN PROPOSAL OUTLINED PARA 1 IS FORMALLY
APPROVED WITHIN USG. WE WONDER IN PARTICULAR ABOUT
LEBANESE SENSITIVITIES IN VIEW DELICATE GOL-FEDAYEEN
SITUATION.

5. ADDITIONALLY FOR ADDIS ABABA: REQUEST EMBASSY'S
ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER, IN EVENT FORMAL PROPOSAL IS APPROVED
WITHIN USG, APPROVAL OF IEG WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND/OR
REQUIRED, IN VIEW OF ARTICLE III OF 1953 DEFENSE
INSTALLATIONS AGREEMENT (TIAS 2964) WHICH GRANTS USG
AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE EARLIEST. RUSH

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